

Polam Ponderings

Summer 2009

New Arrivals

Afton has very quickly settled into Year 3 and has already won the 'who can scream the loudest competition'!

Charity

Savanna's and Lucy's dream of a sponsored walk in aid of 'Help for Heroes' was realised on Friday June 12th when ALL of the School, along with friends and relatives, ventured into South Park. It was a lovely day with 4 Mech Bde from the Army Garrison in Catterick providing a BBQ and the PHPA running a stall selling Pimms helping to create a relaxed atmosphere. The girls had hoped to raise in the region of £2000 so were totally amazed when the £4000 mark was passed. It was a true Boarding event with all of the U5 and L6 helping out tremendously on the day and everyone else walking. Although the event has raised such a wonderful total, donations can still be made at www.justgiving.com/polamhelpforheroes or by sending a cheque to Lucy and Savanna at the school.

Well done, ladies, so what is your next mission??

We continue to help save the planet by recycling paper, plastic, cardboard, etc. Currently we are collecting bottle tops to raise money to fund an electric wheelchair for a young boy who is disabled. Katie, Courtney, Kaitlin and Ellie are doing a grand job of collecting from the milk in Junior School. We are also helping the Junior School to build a greenhouse from old pop bottles.

School Events

The first part of the term was, of course, dominated by examinations: school for the younger girls and external for the older ones. It is a nervous wait now for results in the Public Examinations but I am sure everyone will receive the rewards from the hard work put in.

The Leavers' Ball, Leavers' Supper and the U5 Prom were very much enjoyed by all who attended.

Junior School Sports Day allowed all of the younger Boarders to show their athleticism, with many victories in various events.

This was repeated in the Senior Sports Day along with frantic preparations by the Sixth Form for the Fancy Dress competition and there was no real surprise when 'The Flintstones' won!

The Old Scholars joined us for lunch on Saturday 20th June. They also presented Junior Awards to Kathy Liu and Claire Simm for effort in class, and the Junior Boarder Cup to Cathy So.

Well done, girls!

Activities

Lightwater Valley Theme Park again deserved two visits to make sure all who wanted to could go. The seaside was also popular with a couple of trips to Redcar and then a visit to Whitby on the last Sunday of term; sandy sandwiches and fish and chips proved popular! Darlington Carnival and the Dogs' Trust Dog Show also proved attractive, as did the first trip to Northallerton for bowling. The fine weather also heralded numerous trips to South Park to play on the swings as well as just enjoying the school grounds for 'hide 'n' seek', skate-boarding, tennis, den building, tree climbing, etc.

Contact Details

For Staff in Grange and New House (01325) 373812

For Staff in South View (01325) 373818

Main School Office (01325) 373800

Your Daughter will give you the best number to contact her depending upon the location of her room. **Please only use Staff numbers if you wish to speak with Staff.**

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Mundane Stuff

The charity shops are pleased to accept all of the un-named laundry we amass, which apparently belongs to no-one!!! Please make sure that all items of clothing are named. Name tags can be ordered from the school shop.

If your daughter wishes to stay with friends overnight at any time there is no problem with that, but we do need your WRITTEN permission for this. Any special arrangements for the weekend must be notified by Thursday evening.

Please ask friends and relatives not to phone girls during 'prep' 6.45 – 8.15pm. Also, all girls in Grange and South View hand in their mobile phones before bedtime so please ensure all contact via these means is made before that time:

Yr 3	8pm
Yr 4	8.15pm
Yr 5	8.30pm
Yr 6	8.45pm
L4	9pm
U4	9.15pm
L5	9.30pm
M5	10pm
U5	10.30pm

Have a lovely Summer.
See you in September!

Looking forward to meeting all you new Boarders and parents!

L4 and Sixth Form should return on 1st ready for school on 2nd.

Everyone else should return on 2nd ready for starting on 3rd.

Please email to let me know when your daughter will be arriving, especially if she will need to be collected from the airport.

Best wishes to all of you moving on, but I know you will keep in touch.